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SUBJECT:LETTER TO PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER

1. DEPARTMENT HAS POUCHED TO POST FOR DELIVERY TO PRESIDENT
TOURE A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER DATED JULY 25, 1977.
TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 20. MY GOVERN-
MENT WAS HAPPY TO WELCOME THE DELEGATION HEADED BY YOUR
PRIME MINISTER FOR A DISCUSSION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN
GUINEA AND THE UNITED STATES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE ADVANCE
NOTICE WE RECEIVED FOR THIS VISIT WAS TOO SHORT TO PERMIT
ME TO SEE PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE
HAS TOLD ME OF THE FRUITFUL AND CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
WHICH HE HAD WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

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I APPRECIATE RECEIVING DIRECTLY YOUR CLEAR EXPLANATION OF
THOSE ASPECTS OF GUINEA'S HISTORY AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
WHICH LEAD YOU TO SEEK CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED
STATES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN YOUR INDEPENDENCE. THE VICE
PRESIDENT AND THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE HAVE TOLD ME

THAT YOUR PRIME MINISTER ELOQUENTLY AND SINCERELY CONVEYED

THESE IDEAS IN HIS MEETINGS WITH THEM, AND THAT HE WAS MOST GENEROUS IN HIS ENDORSEMENT OF OUR NEW AMERICAN POLICIES TOWARD AFRICA. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF MORAL VALUES IN FOREIGN POLICY UNDER THIS ADMINISTRATION, AND YOUR RECOGNITION OF MY EFFORTS TO BRING FULL EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY TO BLACK AMERICANS.

PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI INFORMED THE VICE PRESIDENT AND ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE OF YOUR DECISION TO TERMINATE THE SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED FROM CONAKRY TO OBSERVE US AND NATO FLEET MOVEMENTS IN THE ATLANTIC. I APPRECIATE THIS DECISION AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT CONFORMS WITH YOUR PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT.

I WAS EQUALLY PLEASED THAT PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI INFORMED US THAT GUINEA SUPPORTS HUMAN RIGHTS. HIS CAREFUL EXPLANATION OF THE MATTERS TO WHICH YOU HAVE REFERRED ON THE APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA HELPS US UNDERSTAND EVENTS IN YOUR COUNTRY. IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT GUINEA HAS EXPERIENCED SINCE INDEPENDENCE AND OF YOUR RECOGNITION OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT I ATTACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS, I AM PERSONALLY PLEASED TO HEAR THAT HE INFORMED THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE THAT GUINEA WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY DELEGATION TO COME TO GUINEA TO OBSERVE THE HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF YOUR REGIME. THIS
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COOPERATIVE OFFER ON YOUR PART IS, I FEEL, OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER TIES AND BROADER COOPERATION BETWEEN GUINEA AND THE UNITED STATES.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR PRIME MINISTER HAS ASKED TO OBTAIN CUTTERS TO PATROL YOUR SHORES. ALTHOUGH THE HISTORICAL THREAT TO GUINEA WHICH YOU OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER SEEMS GREATLY DIMINISHED TODAY, I ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERING YOUR REQUEST.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GUINEA WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE, THAT OUR TIES WILL BECOME CLOSER, AND THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUINEA WILL PROSPER. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE.

3. FRENCH TEXT FOLLOWS:

LE 25 JUILLET 1977

MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT,

C'EST AVEC PLAISIR QUE J'AI RECU VOTRE LETTRE DU 20 JUIN.

MON GOUVERNEMENT A ETE HEUREUX D'ACCUEILLIR LA DELEGATION DIRIGEE PAR VOTRE PREMIER MINISTRE EN VUE D'UNE DISCUSSION DES RELATIONS ENTRE LA GUINEE ET LES ETATS-UNIS. MALHEUREUSEMENT, L'AVIS PREALABLE QUE NOUS AVONS RECU DE CETTE VISITE ETAIT TROP COURT POUR ME PERMETTRE DE RENCONTRER LE PREMIER MINISTRE, MONSIEUR BEAVOGUI. LE VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE M'A INFORME DE L'ECHANGE DE VUES CORDIAL ET FRUCTUEUX QU'IL A EU AVEC LE PREMIER MINISTRE.

JE VOUS SUIS RECONNAISSANT D'AVOIR BIEN VOULU ME COMMUNIQUER DIRECTEMENT VOTRE CLAIR EXPOSE DES ASPECTS DE L'HISTOIRE ET DE LA PHILOSOPHIE POLITIQUE DE LA GUINEE QUI VOUS ONT AMENE A RECHERCHER DES RAPPORTS PLUS CONFIDENTIAL

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ETROITS AVEC LES ETATS-UNIS AFIN DE GARDER VOTRE INDEPENDANCE. LE VICE-PRESIDENT ET LE SECRETAIRE D'ETAT PAR INTERIM M'ONT DIT QUE VOTRE PREMIER MINISTRE AVAIT PRESENTE ELOQUEMMENT ET SINCEREMENT CES IDEES AU COURS DE SES ENTRETIENS AVEC EUX ET QU'IL S'ETAIT DES PLUS GENEREUSEMENT RALLIE A NOS NOUVELLES POLITIQUES AMERICAINES A L'EGARD DE L'AFRIQUE. J'AI VIVEMENT APPRECIE LE FAIT QUE VOUS AVEZ CONSCIENCE DU ROLE IMPORTANT QUE JOUENT LES VALEURS MORALES DANS LA POLITIQUE EXTERIEURE DE NOTRE GOUVERNEMENT AINSI QUE DE MES EFFORTS EN VUE DE REALISER L'ENTIERE EGALITE DES CHANCES POUR LES NOIRS AMERICAINS.

LE PREMIER MINISTRE BEAVOGUI A INFORME LE VICE-PRESIDENT ET LE SECRETAIRE D'ETAT PAR INTERIM DE VOTRE DECISION DE METTRE FIN AUX VOLS DE RECONNAISSANCE SOVIETIQUES QUI ONT ETE EFFECTUES A PARTIR DE CONAKRY POUR OBSERVER LES MOUVEMENTS DES FLOTTES DES ETATS-UNIS ET DE L'OTAN DANS L'ATLANTIQUE. JE VOUS SUIS RECONNAISSANT DE CETTE DECISION ET JE COMPRENDS QU'ELLE SE CONFORME A VOS PRINCIPES DE NON-ALIGNEMENT.

C'EST EGALEMENT AVEC PLAISIR QUE J'AI APPRIS QUE LE PREMIER MINISTRE, MONSIEUR BEAVOGUI, NOUS A INFORME QUE LA GUINEE DONNE SON APPUI AUX DROITS DE L'HOMME. SON EXPOSE SOIGNEUX DES QUESTIONS DONT VOUS FAITES MENTION QUANT A LA MISE EN PRATIQUE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME EN GUINEE NOUS AIDE A COMPRENDRE LES EVENEMENTS DANS VOTRE

PAYS. ETANT DONNE LES DIFFICULTES RENCONTREES PAR LA GUINEE DEPUIS SON ACCESSION A L'INDEPENDANCE ET LE FAIT QUE VOUS RECONNAISSEZ LA GRANDE IMPORTANCE QUE J'ATTACHE AUX DROITS DE L'HOMME, JE ME FELICITE PERSONNELLEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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D'APPRENDRE QU'IL A INFORME LE SECRETAIRE D'ETAT PAR
INTERIM QUE LA GUINEE SERAIT DISPOSEE A ACCEPTER QU'UNE
DELEGATION SE RENDE EN GUINEE POUR OBSERVER LA NATURE
HUMANITAIRE DE VOTRE REGIME. CETTE OFFRE EMPREINTE DE
COOPERATION DE VOTRE PART EST, A MON SENTIMENT, DE LA
PLUS GRANDE IMPORTANCE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DE LIENS
PLUS ETROITS ET D'UNE COOPERATION PLUS LARGE ENTRE LA
GUINEE ET LES ETATS-UNIS.

JE CROIS COMPRENDRE EGALEMENT QUE VOTRE PREMIER MINISTRE
A DEMANDE S'IL POURRAIT OBTENIR DES VEDETTES POUR LA
SURVEILLANCE DE VOS COTES.

BIEN QUE LA MENACE HISTORIQUE A L'ENCONTRE DE LA GUINEE
DONT VOUS DONNEZ LES GRANDES LIGNES DANS VOTRE LETTRE
SEMBLE ETRE CONSIDERABLEMENT REDUITE AUJOURD'HUI, JE
PUIS VOUS ASSURER QUE NOUS ETUDIONS VOTRE REQUETE AVEC
SYMPATHIE.

J'AI L'ESPOIR QUE LES RELATIONS ENTRE LES ETATS-UNIS
ET LA GUINEE CONTINUERONT DE S'AMELIORER, QUE NOS LIENS
SE RESSERERONT ET QUE TOUT LE PEUPLE DE GUINEE
PROSPERERA.

JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, LES
ASSURANCES DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

JIMMY CARTER

SON EXCELLENCE,
MONSIEUR AHMED SEKOU TOURE
PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE GUINEE
CONAKRY VANCE

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